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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 02, 2005**

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks  
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Dear Sir,

In response to the Office Action mailed November 2, 2005, it is requested that the application be amended as follows: